

MANNERS D/FBIS

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Thursday

1. Had a meeting this morning with the DDA and D/OIT. The subject was basically our communications requirements for INTERNET at Reston. Over the past few weeks, OIT and the DDA have become concerned over our changing requirement that called for an eight foot dish on the roof of building B to complete the microwave link. The DDA pointed out that from a political and from a long-term technical point of view that was unacceptable. I told him that the FBIS requirement would be restated in terms of level of service required at Reston to include reliability and availability specifications and that as long as they could meet those requirements in a time frame consistent with our schedule I would drop the request for roof top antennas. I explained that I was fully aware of the political concerns, but was not fully briefed on what he called the long-term technical issues. The DDA went on to explain that the better part of Northern Virginia was going to have a fiber optics communication network and that we would probably be better off talking about service from Quantico to Reston than in talking about antennas or microwaves, etc. I agreed to forward to the Director, OIT a paper outlining our near-term and long-term requirements at Reston and the schedule for the service. I have asked Chief, ESG to prepare that memo. (cc: DD/FBIS, C/ESG, C/AS, C/Prod, C/Ops, C/AG, C/ADD, C/FED) ☐

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